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March 26, 2002

Mr. William O. Long, Senior Project Manager  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Mr. Long:

**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT FOR OPERATING LICENSE RENEWAL OF THE BROWNS  
FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT IN ATHENS, ALABAMA**

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) proposes to extend operation of Units 2 and 3, and potentially Unit 1, of its Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) located in Limestone County, Alabama. This would require obtaining a renewal of the units' operating licenses from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Renewal of the licenses would permit operation for an additional twenty years past the current (original) 40-year operating license terms, which expire in 2013, 2014, and 2016 for Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) assessing a number of alternatives has been prepared for this project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the NEPA regulations specified in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500-1508. In preparing the FSEIS, TVA has considered comments received by mail and comments presented in public meetings conducted on March 6, 2001, and January 17, 2002, regarding this proposal.

TVA is also requesting comment on the Final SEIS, a copy of which is enclosed for your review. Comments on the Final SEIS must be received on or before May 6, 2002, to ensure consideration. Please send comments or questions regarding the project by mail or e-mail to:

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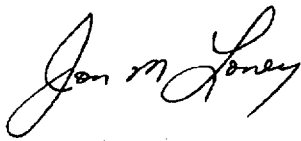
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jon A. Loney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jon A. Loney  
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Enclosure